

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-19. (canceled)

20. (currently amended) A method comprising:

displaying on a display screen of a computer a first order type menu at times when a first order destination alternative is selected from an order destination menu, the first order destination alternative representing a first order destination, the first order type menu listing only order type alternatives that represent order types supported by the first order destination; and

displaying on said display screen of said computer a second order type menu at times when a second order destination alternative is selected from the order destination menu, the second order destination alternative representing a second order destination, the second order type menu listing only order type alternatives that represent order types supported by the second order destination, the second order type menu being different from the first order type menu;

wherein:

the first order destination and the second order destination are each selected from the group consisting of (a) a securities exchange, (b) a market maker, (c) an ECN, and (d) a trading market place; and

order type alternatives included in both said first and second order type menus include a market order type and a limit order type.

21. (currently amended) A method comprising:

displaying on a display screen of a computer a first order destination menu at times when a first financial instrument trading symbol is displayed in an order input area of a user interface, the first order destination menu listing only order destination alternatives that correspond to order destinations that support trading in a first financial instrument that corresponds to the first financial instrument trading symbol; and

displaying on said display screen of said computer a second order destination menu at times when a second financial instrument trading symbol is displayed in the order input area, the second order destination menu listing only order destination alternatives that correspond to order destinations that support trading in a second financial instrument that corresponds to the second financial instrument trading symbol, the second order destination menu being different from the first order destination menu;

wherein:

at least one of the order destination alternatives listed by the first order destination menu is different from each order destination alternative listed by the second order destination menu; and

each of the order destinations is selected from the group consisting of (a) a securities exchange, (b) a market maker, (c) an ECN, and (d) a trading market place.

22. (original) A method according to claim 21, wherein:

the first financial instrument trading symbol represents a first common stock; and
the second financial instrument trading symbol represents a second common stock.

23. (original) A method according to claim 21, wherein:

the first financial instrument trading symbol represents a common stock; and

the second financial instrument trading symbol represents an option.

24-37. (canceled)